

NATIONAL TOPICAL STAMP SHOW

The American Topical Association held the annual Convention and Show in Milwaukee, June 24-26, 2011, the sixth time that the show has been held in this, the birthplace of the A.T.A. It was held at the Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel, which is west of the city close to Highway 94. The motto for the show was "*R U WISCONSCIOUS*" As usual, there were cacheted covers with three designs and a special cancel, designed by Dave Bennett and available at the ATA table. On June 25th, the United States Postal Service issued a single commemorative stamp (44 cents) for Mark Twain, and although the official First Day ceremony was held in Hannibal, Missouri, a First Day ceremony took place at the show on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. Chris L. Lazaroff, President of the American First Day Cover Society, had designed a special First Day of Sale cancel for the stamp.

There were 150 competitive exhibits, plus 34 exhibits in the Youth Champion of Champions competition, covering a wide range of subjects. The Jury had Ann Triggles as Chief Judge, Nancy Clark, Joseph A Frasc, Elizabeth Hisey and Frederick Lawrence, with Robert Henak as the apprentice.

The Grand Award went to:	<i>"Lincoln, Slavery and the Civil War"</i> by Eliot A. Landau	
The Reserve Grand to:	<i>"The Canoe in Pacific Island Culture"</i> by David McNamee	
The One-Frame Grand to:	<i>"The Royal Palm"</i>	by Phillip J. Stager
Best Display Division:	<i>"Lincoln, Slavery and the Civil War"</i> by Eliot A. Landau	
Gold Medals went to:	<i>"The Donkey in Man's World"</i>	by Robert J. Mather
	<i>"Wolf"</i>	by Fred Ziemann
	<i>"Paul von Lettow-Vorbeck and Times"</i>	by Edwin J. Andrews
	<i>"The Murder of Lidice"</i>	by Phil Rhoades
	<i>"The Story of Lloyd's: From Coffee to Commerce"</i>	by Dr. Norma Nielson
	<i>"Man Beneath the Sea"</i>	by Roland Essig
	<i>"America's Library: The Library of Congress"</i>	by Larry T. Nix
	<i>"Oncorhynchus mykiss"</i> 1 frame	by R. Timothy Bartshe
	<i>"Circus Wagons"</i>	by Dalene Thomas
	<i>"The Magical World of Harry Potter"</i>	by Van Siegling
Vermeil Medals to:	<i>"Laundry Day"</i> 1 frame	by Dalene Thomas
	<i>"100th Anniversary – Boy Scouts of America"</i>	by Richard P. Grosshans
Silver Medals to	<i>"Have You Read a Map Lately?"</i>	by Martin Oakes
	<i>"Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart"</i>	by Tonny Van Loij
	<i>"Cannabis"</i>	by Mary Jane Muggles
	<i>"Iris & Co."</i>	by Jack H. Green

Three Silver-Bronze and three Bronze were also awarded.

All in all, a very good show!.